

Chemotherapy. *Benefits.*

Sometimes chemotherapy is given as the only treatment for cancer, but usually it is used in addition to surgery and/or radiation. Depending on the type of cancer and its stage of development, chemotherapy may be used to:

- Cure cancer.
- Keep the cancer from spreading.
- Slow the cancer's growth.
- Kill cancer cells that may have spread to other parts of the body from the original tumor.
- Relieve symptoms that may be caused by the cancer.
- Shrink the tumor prior to surgery. When used with radiation therapy, this is termed neo-adjuvant therapy.
- Destroy any cancer cells that are still present after surgery and/or radiation, also termed adjuvant therapy.